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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 1998, at 3 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1998

The Senate met at 11 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our Father, we begin this new week with a sense of Your spirit calling us to prayer.

In response, we praise You, not only for all that You give us and do for us but for who You are. You are our Creator, sustainer, redeemer, strength, and hope. Most of all, we praise You for Your grace—Your unchanging, unqualified, unlimited love. It is given before we deserve it and is never dependent on our earning it.

Your love opens us up to You. It makes us willing to confess anything that stands between us and You and between us and anyone else. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone. Most of all, forgive our reluctance to love and affirm others. Help us to be to others the love that You have been to us.

We commit our loved ones and friends to Your care. They need Your strength and courage. And we commit ourselves to work today as an expression of our worship of You.

Dear God, bless America. Give us Your vision for the future and a determination to be faithful and obedient to You. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT, of Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. I thank you, Mr. President,

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. This morning the Senate will be in a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon. At noon, as previously agreed to, the Senate will proceed to executive session to debate for up to 6 hours the nomination of David Satcher to be the Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary of HHS.

As a reminder to all Members, no rollcall votes will occur during today's session of the Senate. However, the next rollcall vote will occur on invoking cloture on the Satcher nomination Tuesday at 11 a.m. If cloture is invoked on that nomination, then a second vote would occur immediately on the confirmation of the nomination.

In addition, a cloture motion has been filed, on Thursday, on the motion to proceed to the cloning legislation. Therefore, a cloture vote will occur on Tuesday also. We will announce the exact time after consultation with the minority leader. This cloture motion is on the motion to proceed.

Once again, I would like to note I do think this is an issue on which we should go forward. It is a complicated bill. There are some legitimate concerns that need to be addressed, or discussed at least. When Senators become

familiar with the bill that has been crafted by Senator BILL FRIST, who certainly knows the subject matter of medical research and science and the cloning issue, and then when they hear from Senator BOND and Senator GREGG and are able to be involved in discussion and debate, I think Senators will feel comfortable with what we are doing here and we should move this cloning legislation forward so that we will not have even the threat of human cloning.

Also this week the Senate may consider the nomination of Margaret Morrow to be a district judge in California and the nomination of Frederica Massiah-Jackson to be a district judge in Pennsylvania. We will continue to work with the administration and our colleagues on both sides of the aisle with regard to a resolution on Iraq.

As a reminder to all Members, the next rollcall vote then will occur at 11 a.m. on Tuesday morning to invoke cloture on the Satcher nomination.

VETO MESSAGE ON H.R. 2631

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the veto message to accompany H.R. 2631, the military construction appropriations bill, be deemed read and, as the Constitution provides, be spread upon the journal; and that the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, be authorized to proceed to the reconsideration of the said bill, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding.

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